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Application No.: 09/211,691

Filed: December 14, 1998

For: FUSION PROTEINS FOR USE IN
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Examiner: Rao, Manjunath

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Applicants respectfully request the finality of the above-referenced Office Action be withdrawn and that the following amendments be entered and considered. Applicants mailed a preliminary response to a previous Office Action on October 29, 2001 and believe it was not timely received by the USPTO because of difficulties with mail delivery at that time. In a telephone conversation on March 15, 2002, Examiner Rao

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